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1. SUMMARY - MAJOR TAIPEI PAPERS HAVE FRONTPAGE PLAY TO REPORTED REMARKS BY ROGER SULLIVAN IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT U.S.-ROC RELATIONS ARE IMPROVING IN BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC FIELDS. ALL PAPERS USED CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORT. TEXT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARYG

2. A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTING THE U.S. CHINA POLICY, DECLARED HERE TODAY THAT THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN GETTING EVEN CLOSER RECENTLY IN BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC FIELDS DESPITE THE AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH THE PEIPING REGIME.

3. SPEAKING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OF SINO-AMERICAN
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BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS THIS MORNING, ROGER

SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SAID THAT HE COULD "ASSURE" THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WHILE SEEKING COMMUNICATIONS WITH PEIPING IN ORDER TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN THE FAR EAST, WILL NOT DO ANYTHING TO DAMAGE THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

4. SULLIVAN ADDED THAT HE COULD FORESEE NO MAJOR CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, NOTING THAT AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GETTING CLOSER DIPLOMATICALLY AS WELL AS ECONOMICALLY.

5. CITING AS AN EXAMPLE PRESIDENT NIXON'S APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD UNGER TO BE THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SULLIVAN SAID THAT THE APPOINTMENT RECEIVED PROMPT CONFIRMATION BY THE CONGRESS AND FAVORABLE COMMENTS IN THE PRESS, INDICATING THAT THE CURRENT POLICY OF MAINTAINING THE GOOD AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS ENJOYED A GROWING PUBLIC SUPPORT.
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